

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

**Claim 1 (currently amended):** A method of forming a decorative motif on a component for a motor vehicle, said method comprising

a step of forming said component in a predetermined translucent material having a color,

a step of ~~completely~~ metallizing at least one surface of said component; and

a step of exposing ~~at least one surface of said metallized~~ said component to laser radiation~~[[,]]~~ to selectively remove~~[[,]]~~ ~~by laser radiation, the metal on at least one at least one metallized~~ surface of said ~~metallized~~ component~~[[;]]~~ and modify the color of the translucent material of said component.

~~wherein the method of forming a decorative motif does not involve the application of paint to said motif.~~

**Claim 2 (currently amended):** A method according to Claim 1, wherein the metallizing step comprises metallizing a plurality of surfaces of said component and the exposing step comprises exposing said component to laser radiation to selectively remove metal from a plurality of metallized surfaces of said component ~~are exposed to the said laser radiation.~~

**Claim 3 (cancelled)**

**Claim 4 (currently amended):** A method according to Claim 1, wherein said

~~predetermined material is a plastics material and said step of exposing it to laser radiation is such that the color of said surface is modified with respect to the color of said plastics material.~~

**Claim 5 (previously presented):** A method according to Claim 1, wherein the step of exposure to laser radiation is performed by means of a laser selected from the group consisting of a YAG laser, a CO<sub>2</sub> laser, or a machining laser.

**Claims 6-10 (cancelled)**

**Claim 11 (currently amended):** A method of manufacturing a mask of a lighting or indicating apparatus for a motor vehicle, said method comprising:

a step of molding said mask in a predetermined translucent material having a color;

a step of ~~completely~~ metallizing at least one surface of said mask with a metal layer; and

a step of exposing ~~a plurality of surfaces of~~ said metallized mask to laser radiation, to selectively remove~~[[,]] by laser radiation, the metal on at least one surface said plurality of surfaces of said metallized mask[[;]] and~~ modify the color of the translucent material of said mask.

~~wherein the method of manufacturing a mask does not involve the application of paint to said mask.~~

**Claim 12 (currently amended):** A method of manufacturing a mask according to Claim 11, wherein a plurality of surfaces of said ~~component~~ mask are metallized with a metal

layer and are exposed to the said laser radiation.

**Claim 13 (currently amended):** A method according to Claim 11, wherein the said predetermined material is a plastics material ~~and said step of exposing it to laser radiation is such that the color of said surface is modified with respect to the color of said plastics material.~~

**Claim 14 (previously presented):** A method according to Claim 11, wherein the step of exposure to laser radiation is performed by means of a laser selected from the group consisting of a YAG laser, a CO<sub>2</sub> laser, or a machining laser.

**Claim 15 (currently amended):** A method of forming a decorative motif on headlight for a motor vehicle, said method comprising

a step of forming a headlight of a predetermined translucent material having a color, and

a step of exposing at least one surface of said headlight to laser irradiation; wherein said predetermined material is a plastics material and said step of exposing said predetermined material to laser radiation is such that the color of said translucent headlight material ~~at least one surface~~ is modified ~~with respect to the color of said plastics material.~~